ment and say not to spend any money. That is not our purpose, in standing up and putting questions. The question is the Samajam people have circularised every member of this House and have brought the matter publicly before us and we are bound to say something in the matter. Under these circumstances, before you ask for the vote of the House for money, we want to know why it is not possible to make them to spend the money for the purpose intended, why should our money be spent on an institution which has been started by somebody else, and when they are prepared to spend that money, why should we spend the money?

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Is the Government running the institution now?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is not the Government also threatened with a law suit, *i. e.*, legal action?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Absolutely no such threatening. Anyway, for the information of the Hon'ble members, I may state that if the Government come to the conclusion that the buildings are to be handed over to the parties, the amount now spent will be recouped from them. That is the arrangement. As long as these buildings are with us, rightly or wrongly, we have to maintain them and it is for this that the amount has been asked for, and if a decision is arrived at, the matter will be considered and the money recovered.

Demand put and carried.

(9) Rs. 1,805—13—0 under "1—Land Revenue—Capital"

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Certain lands acquired for railway conversion have been since relinquished to the Government by the South Indian Railway Company. The value of such lands comes to Rs. 1,805—13—0 and credit for this amount has to be given to the Railway Company. There is no provision for the adjustment of the amount under 1. Land Revenue—Capital in this year's budget. An additional allotment of Rs. 1,805—13—0 under "1. Land Revenue—Capital" is therefore necessary. Savings are also not available for reappropriation within budget grants. I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the amount realised by our Government while these lands were assigned?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* This figure is based upon that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it exactly the same amount or anything less?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Exactly the same amount.

Demand put and carried.

(10) Rs. 5,000 under "28—Public Works—B—(3) Water Works—(a) and (b) Chowwara and Ernakulam Water Works"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This amount is required for the maintenance of the Booster pump which has been installed on the pipeline near Edappilli in view of the increased consumption of water in Ernakulam, Mattancheri and the port areas. It was found that with the existing pipeline and arrangement at Chowwara Head Works it was not possible to supply the adequate quantity of water for these purposes. The alternative was either to duplicate the pipeline or put up Booster pump somewhere on the main line. The question of duplicating the pipeline was a costly thing costing about 7½ lakhs. Moreover it was not found possible to get the necessary supply of pipes in these times. So, it was decided to choose the less costly and more feasible alternative of putting up a Booster pump. This we have done on the 3rd of February 1942. But we have not made provision for its maintenance and this money is meant for the maintenance of that pump. I pray that the House may be pleased to grant this allotment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know what is the result of the working of the Booster pump? Is it giving satisfactory results as the Government have already put up the Booster pump? In other words, what is the additional quantity of water that it is able to give?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Chowwara Water Works, unaided by the Booster has a capacity of about 36,000 gallons per hour. With the Booster pump, it is possible to pump about 43,000 gallons or about 7,000 gallons more per hour.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know with the Booster pump, will the Government relax the restrictions regarding new service connections?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is too early to say.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If the Government stand in the way of giving new service connections, further house constructions will not be encouraged. So, the Government will do well to consider that aspect and relax the restrictions. Otherwise, the public will suffer. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly consider the matter very earnestly once again now that we have got additional water supply by the installation of the Booster pump.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We shall look into that matter.

Demand put and carried.

(11) Rs. 1,750 under "28—Public Works—B—(3) Water Works—(f) Trichur"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,750 under "28—Public Works—B—(3)—Water Works—(*f*) Trichur". This sum is required for payment of the works already done in Trichur to improve its water supply. One tank has been constructed and the cost of this tank alone with the acquisition charges comes to about Rs 1750. It forms part of an estimate for Rs. 18,000 for the construction of this tank and putting up the necessary pumps and pipelines in this connection. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Member for Engineering be pleased to inform this House the policy the Government have adopted in the matter of the Naduthodu scheme? Has the Government completely dropped it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Government have no intention of continuing the scheme at present.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether by this it will be possible to solve the water supply problem of Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* One tank by itself will not be able to solve the entire problem of water supply in Trichur. It is proposed to investigate other sites in order to find out the possibility of digging out 8 or 10 tanks. If it is possible to find about 8 or 10 other places where such tanks could be constructed, all the necessary works in regard to water supply of Trichur can be met.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Then is it not enough that after knowing the whole estimate for all the 6 or 7 tanks together and whether this will be a more successful scheme than the Naduthodu scheme, the question of giving a further allotment be decided?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I do not think it necessary, Sir, to wait for a fuller consideration of this question in order to start a small work of this nature—a tank which can supply about 30,000 to 40,000 gallons of water a day will cost only about Rs. 1,500. 10 tanks of this type will give about 4 lakhs of gallons per day and added to this about 2 lakhs of gallons which we are now getting from the Peringavu tanks, the quantity of 6 lakhs of gallons per day could be secured. That will go a very long way in meeting the water supply in Trichur. The cost will not be so much compared with the Naduthodu scheme. Of course, the quantity of water that can be secured from the Naduthodu scheme is 12 lakhs. But by a modest expenditure on these tanks we can get about half the quantity of water which the other larger scheme can give and therefore I think it is advisable that this scheme is taken up.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether any water cess is to be collected from the Trichur Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government have installed meters in houses?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* House connections have not yet been given.

Demand put and carried.

(12) Rs. 15,938 under "11—Forests and Tramway—A—1 (b) Timber etc."

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 15,938 under "11—Forests and Tramway—A-1 (b) Timber, etc.". This expenditure is on account of collecting some 3,000 candies of soft wood from Echipara in Kodasseri Range and transporting and stacking it at the Ernakulam Depot for sale to the Tata Oil Mills in response to any urgent demand of their for which no provision could be found from the sanctioned budget of the current year. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 15,938 has become necessary. There are also no savings for reappropriation. I, therefore, request that the House will be pleased to sanction the demand.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know the variety of timber which is being collected?

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